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SUBJECT: HEDDA-VELIOTES MEETING, MARCH 20, 1978

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY VELIOTES MET WITH TUNISIAN
AMBASSADOR HEDDA AT LATTER'S REQUEST MARCH 20. HEDDA'S
FIRST CONCERN WAS DEPARTMENT'S POSITION ON POSSIBLE
COMMODITY IMPORT LOAN FOR TUNISIA WHICH HE HAD PREVIOUSLY
BROUGHT UP WITH AID (WHEELER) BUT FELT HE DID NOT RECEIVE
A VERY ENTHUSIASTIC RESPONSE. HEDDA REASONED THAT
COMMODITY IMPORT LOAN WOULD BRING THE RAPID ECONOMIC
ASSISTANCE TUNISIA NEEDS TO CREATE NEW JOBS AND OFFSET
BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS. IT ALSO WOULD INCREASE
U.S.-TUNISIAN TRADE WHICH HEDDA STATED IS OBJECTIVE OF
TUNISIAN GOVERNMENT. AFN DIRECTOR BISHOP EXPLAINED THAT
COMMODITY IMPORT LOANS ARE UNPOPULAR WITH CONGRESS
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BECAUSE USG HAS LESS CONTROL THAN WITH PROJECT LENDING ON
DEVELOPMENTAL USES AND AIMS. HEDDA SAID U.S. AND TUNISIA
COULD SIGN AGREEMENT SPECIFYING USES AND AIMS. VELIOTES
WAS NONCOMMITTAL, SAYING ONLY THAT HE WOULD CHECK WITH
MR. WHEELER/AID AND DISCUSS AGAIN WITH HEDDA.

2. IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS VIEWS OF SITUATION

IN TUNISIA DURING HIS RECENT CONSULTATIONS, HEDDA REPLIED SITUATION IN TUNISIA WAS VERY QUIET AND THAT GOT HANDLED RECENT PROBLEMS WELL. HE ADDED THAT TIME WAS NOT FIXED YET BUT THAT TRIALS FOR ARRESTED UGTT LEADERS WOULD BE OPEN, PUBLIC AND CONDUCTED ACCORDING TO NORMAL PROCEDURES. VELIOTES RECOMMENDED THAT TRIALS TAKE PLACE PROMPTLY IN ORDER AVOID POSSIBLE ALLEGATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. HEDDA THEN DESCRIBED HIS VARIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH U.S. MEDIA REPRESENTATIONS IN WHICH HE INVITED JOURNALISTS TO VISIT TUNISIA TO SEE SITUATION AT FIRST-HAND IN ORDER TO CORRECT ANY MISUNDERSTANDING THEY MIGHT HAVE OF POLITICAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN TUNISIA.

3. DISCUSSING MIDDLE EAST, VELIOTES NOTED THAT WE WERE DETERMINED THAT PRESENT LEBANESE SITUATION NOT DOMINATE CONVERSATIONS WITH BEGIN. FOCUS WOULD BE ON PEACE PROCESS WITH PARTICULAR REGARD TO APPLICABILITY OF UN RESOLUTION 242 AND NEED FOR A DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES. EVENTS IN LEBANON HAVE REINFORCED OUR RESOLVE TO ACHIEVE A PEACE SETTLEMENT.

4. LASTLY, HEDDA INQUIRED ON STATUS OF PRIME MINISTER NOUIRA'S VISIT TO U.S. BISHOP RESPONDED THAT AMBASSADOR MULCAHY WAS IN PROCESS OF COMMUNICATING MESSAGE NOTIFYING PRIME MINISTER VISIT WOULD HAVE TO BE DELAYED TO LATER IN THE YEAR. IT WAS EMPHASIZED THAT WHILE NOUIRA'S VISIT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HAD TO BE POSTPONED UNTIL LATER THIS YEAR, OTHER PROSPECTIVE FOREIGN VISITORS, INCLUDING BOUMEDIENE, HAVE HAD THEIR VISITS POSTPONED SINE DIE.

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